

Partners in Proverbs

Week 2

Chapters 8-14

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Questions for Reflection and Application

Chapter 8

1. In the first 9 verses wisdom is being personified as a woman. Is she active or passive? How so?
2. How should the reader seek after wisdom?
3. This chapter encourages the reader to desire wisdom more than silver or gold. What is promised to those who do this?
4. Verse 36 says “He who hates wisdom loves death.” What does this mean?
5. What is the greatest wisdom of all?

Chapter 9

1. Verse 8 says “Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.” Why will a scoffer hate and a wise man love?
2. How does this chapter describe the woman folly? How is she contrasted with the woman wisdom?
3. When are you tempted to heed folly’s call?

Chapter 10

1. How does a wise man bring joy to his father and how does a foolish son bring sorrow to his mother? Have you seen this in your own life?
2. Verse 12 says that “hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offences.” How does hatred stir up strife?

Chapter 11

1. How have you found verse 2 to be accurate in your own life?
2. What takes the treacherous captive in verse 6? How is this different for the righteous?

3. In verse 13, what does the slanderer reveal? What does a trustworthy person do? Where do both of these dispositions originate?

Chapter 12

1. Explain verse 1 in your own words; give examples of when you have done both.
2. In verse 9, what would motivate the one to be lowly and the other to pretend to be great?
3. Verse 23 contrasts the prudent man and the heart of the fool. Describe this in your own words.
4. Why will the hands of the diligent rule and the hands of the sloth be forced into slave labor? (Verse 24)

Chapter 13

1. What does Chapter 13 say about the mouth?
2. How does a “fool flaunt his folly”?
3. Verse 20 says “whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm”. Why is this so? Can you think of a New Testament scripture that reiterates this point?
4. Why does scripture say if you withhold discipline you hate your child? When might a parent be tempted to withhold discipline? What does the New Testament say about discipline of the Heavenly Father?

Chapter 14

1. How can a wise woman “build her house”? How can a foolish woman tear her house down?
2. Why does a quick temper reveal foolishness (verse 17)?
3. What does the fear of the Lord provide (verses 26 and 27)?
4. Christ is the fulfillment of wisdom. What is our hope when we find ourselves in foolishness?